



*Last Judgement, Scrovegni Chapel, Padua, Italy,
ca. 1305*



*Come-to-Good Friends Meeting House, Cornwall,
England, 1710*

The Protestant Reformation (& the Beginnings of Unitarianism)

Rev. Steven Epperson

– October 1, 2017



UNITARIAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER



At the front of the church you will find unlit candles. You are welcome to light a candle in remembrance, in gratitude, in prayer, in celebration.

*The prelude helps to create a spirit for shared celebration and worship.
Please refrain from conversing and please turn off your cell phones.*



Warm Welcome!

Please visit our Visitors' Table in the Sanctuary foyer and get a nametag. Drop by the Welcome Table in Hewett Centre after the service and stay for coffee or tea and friendly conversation. Learn about our church and our community. Look for people wearing yellow nametags, who are welcoming you today.

If you are a new family visiting with children or babies, we look forward to welcoming you in person. Free childcare is available for children 3 and under, and children 4 and over are invited to join in this week's program activities. Children are also welcome to stay for the church service if they prefer. If you feel that you need to slip out of the service with a crying baby, please feel free to rejoin the service at any time. The service can also be heard in the foyer and in Hewett Centre.

The seats in the rear of the church are **reserved**:
(when facing the front) *left side for parents with babies or small children in childcare, and right side for persons in wheelchairs & strollers.*

The UCV Campus is a non-smoking environment.

TODAY AT UCV

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: We are committed to providing safe, compassionate, age-appropriate programming for all children and youth who attend or visit UCV. Our goal is to build intentionally inclusive community across ages and explore big questions through story, art, and play. Sunday morning classes are presented free of charge as part of the mission of this congregation. Everyone attends the start of service together through the chalice lighting, opening hymn, and story for all ages.

- **After the story, children of all ages may proceed to the lower level of Hewett Centre** to the Channing room (south side downstairs) for our multi-age program, Spirit Play, led by our Religious Exploration staff teacher and trained volunteers. We welcome our very youngest to join us in this safe and exploratory space.
- **Children registered for the Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation Reflection Guide for upper elementary** (ages 8-11/grade 4-6) meet in the Parker room (central room) downstairs until 12:15.
- **Coming of Age** is a mentor based program for youth ages 12-14 exploring their own beliefs about life, the universe, and everything. Registered participants meet in the Hirschmanova room downstairs until 12:15 pm.

Please see Kiersten Moore, our Director of Religious Education if you have any questions or concerns.

Children and babies are welcome to remain with their parents/guardians through the service if they prefer. **Please meet your child downstairs after the service: children under age 9 will remain in class until met by a responsible family member. Older children may join their family upstairs for social hour.**

YOUTH GROUP: Our High School Youth Group (grades 8-12) meets from 1 – 3 pm each Sunday in Hitschmanova on the lower level of Hewett Centre. Our Youth Group is led collaboratively by the youth and trained advisors. They explore issues of faith development, social justice, life experiences, trials, tribulations and joys of navigating life—and they always include a good measure of fun and games. All youth members and visitors are welcome every week.

MEDITATION: Join us for the Sunday morning sitting meditation at 10 – 10:45 am. There is brief guidance at the beginning of each sit. In consideration of others, please try to come on time. Any inquiries can be sent to victoriaoginski@gmail.com.

ALL COMMITTEES FAIR: Sunday, October 1. Want to make a positive contribution to our congregation and the world? Want to find out how? Check out our UCV All Committees Fair after worship service on October 1. You will meet UCV committee and working group members, learn about the great work they do, and how to get involved.

TODAY’S FORUM: The UCV Environment Committee is hosting a special Forum in the Fireside Room at 12:40 pm. Come and hear guest speakers Emma Humd from Ratliff Law, representing the Coldwater First Nation, Andrea Palframan from Pull Together, and Valeen Jules, Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations poet. The Kinder Morgan Expansion is in the Federal Court of Appeal, Oct. 2-12, facing strong opposition from several B.C. First Nations, by the cities of Vancouver and Burnaby, the B.C. govt. and Pull Together (R.A.V.E. N. Trust). The Coldwater First Nation is fighting a second dilbit pipeline that would go through their drinking water aquifer.

THANK YOU TO THE SUPPORT TEAM TODAY:

COFFEE SET UP AND SERVERS

Catherine Stewart

FLOWERS

Chris Pearce

LIBRARY AND LITERATURE STALL

Jean Stanton

SOUND

Rob Taylor

LUNCH

No hosted lunch this week

GREETERS

Ursula Litzcke, Denise Nereida, Melody Mason, Gerda Schulz

WELCOME AND INFORMATION TABLE

Eleanore Dunn, Audrey Cook

Next Sunday Service: October 8, 2017

Thanksgiving in a Bent World

Rev. Phillip Hewett

Celebration of Worship: October 1, 2017

Prelude *Reformation Hymns* Martin Luther
 Ein Feste Berg M. Luther / arr. Bruce Greer
 A Mighty Fortress is Our God E. Dainow, piano
 M. Luther / arr. J.S. Bach
 with members of the choir

Welcome & Greeting Our Neighbours Rev. Steven Epperson

Kindling the Chalice Flame Rev. Steven Epperson

Opening Hymn #67 *We Sing Now Together*

Story for all Ages Read by Rev. Steven Epperson

Announcements Karen Bartlett

Reading from the Book of Celebrations and Concerns Karen Bartlett

Offering: *We deeply appreciate your presence here, your offerings and the gifts you share.* *Out of the Deep / Almighty Lord & God of Love**
 N. Giles (1568 – 1634)
 with members of the choir

Meditation – Spoken, then Silent Rev. Steven Epperson

The Protestant Reformation (& the Beginnings of Unitarianism)
 Rev. Steven Epperson

Closing Hymn #303 *We Are the Earth Upright and Proud*

Closing Words & Extinguishing the Chalice Flame Rev. Steven Epperson

** Up to the reformation, all church music was sung in Latin. Martin Luther changed all that so that people could sing in their own language and everyone would understand the words. Elliott*



Martin Luther (1483-1546):

Every week, I preach justification by faith to my people, because every week they forget it... The whole being of any Christian is faith and love. Faith brings the person to God, love brings the person to people.



Argula von Grumbach (1492 – 1554): I do not rely on my, or anybody's intellect, but only on the true rock of Christ himself. A disputation is easily won when one argues with force, not Scripture. As far as I can see that means that the hangman is accounted the most learned... It is time to rouse ourselves from sleep.



John Calvin (1509-1564): God preordained, for His own glory and the display of His attributes of mercy and justice, a part of the human race, without any merit of their own, to eternal salvation, and another part, in just punishment for their sins, to eternal damnation... The gospel is not a doctrine of the tongue, but of life.



Menno Simons (1496-1561): [The true believers] show, in fact, that they believe, they are born of God, and are spiritually minded; they lead a pious, unblamable life before all men; suffer themselves to be baptized according to the commandment of the Lord, as proof that they bury their sins in the death of Christ, and are prepared to walk with him in newness of life...

The regenerated do not go to war, none engage in strife. They are the children of peace...and know no war.



Thomas Cranmer (1489 – 1556): And as for the Pope, I refuse him, as Christ's enemy and Antichrist, with all his false doctrine... Let us reverently hear and read Holy Scripture, which is the Food of the soul. Let us diligently search for the well of life in the books of the New and Old Testament, and not run to the stinking puddles of men's traditions, devised by men's imaginations, for our justification and salvation.



Michael Servetus (1511-1553): Not one word is found in the Bible about the Trinity nor about its persons, nor about the essence or the unity of substance nor of the one nature of the several beings nor about any of the rest of the ravings and logic chopping of the theologians... God himself is our spirit indwelling within us...there is in our spirit a certain working latent energy...a latent divinity and it bloweth where it listeth...So everyone is born of the spirit of God.

Fausto Sozzini (Socinus) (1539-1604): Let every person enjoy the freedom of his own judgment in religion. Let us also exhibit our views of divine things without injuring or slandering others. For this is the golden Liberty of Prophesying... The fact that God forgives shows that punitive justice is not one of his essential attributes.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

UCV BOARD DEVELOPMENT: If any member in good standing is interested in being on the UCV Board, or would like to nominate someone, please contact the Nominating Committee at diane@rubyslippers.ca.

PICK UP OCTOBER'S UCV EVENTS TODAY! To receive by email, send a request to ucvevents@gmail.com.

NEW CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: The forum on October 15th will be on the new constitution and bylaws for our church, which will be voted on at the AGM on November 12th. Copies of the new bylaws are available at the office for anyone who would like to view them before the forum.

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – UU STYLE: What are your top picks? Would you like to attend (and therefore discuss) films with other Unitarians? Join our email group to share recommendations and invitations. Ucv-arts-and-culture+subscribe@googlegroups.com (or contact Mary maryinvancouver@gmail.com) **TONIGHT:** A couple of UU's are attending *Leaning into the Wind* about Andy Goldsworthy's environmental art at 6:15 pm at SFU Woodward's. See you there? - Mary

FIRESIDE YOGA: A quiet practice of gentle stretching will be offered in the Fireside Room at UCV by certified and practicing Hatha Yoga teacher, Philippa Syme. Props provided. 7-week series on Mondays, from Oct 2 to Nov 20, 7 - 8:15 pm. Suggested rate for 7 classes - \$10 each or \$12 Drop-in. No experience required. No one turned away due to lack of funds. Call or email appili@shaw.ca / 604-836-9165, or just come to start at 7 pm. No class on Oct 9, Thanksgiving.

SFU PHILOSOPHERS' CAFÉ: Thursday, October 5th, 10:30 am to noon. Hewett Hall, Fireside Room: In a parliamentary system, in what sense is the "Loyal Opposition" loyal? How is this consistent with the opposition moving a vote of non-confidence and defeating the government? *Co-sponsored SFU and Vancouver Unitarians. Moderator - Randall MacKinnon*

UPCOMING SACRED CIRCLE DANCES: This Tuesday, October 3, 7 – 9 pm. Next Sunday, October 8 – Fireside Room 12:30 – 1:30 pm (in lieu of forum) Monday, October 9 – after Thanksgiving Potluck dinner 7 pm. Questions? Contact circledanceucv@gmail.com.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK: Monday, October 9. Come early and enjoy cooking and setting up with others. We'll make it fun! 4 to 6 pm. Dinner at 6 pm. After 7 pm, we might play games, have a sing-a-long, or? What do you suggest? Contact ucvhygge@gmail.com – RSVP appreciated.

THEATRE FOR LIVING PRACTICE: An interactive workshop with Rev. Meg Roberts. Saturday, Oct. 14, 10 am – 1 pm in Hirschmanova. We practice techniques in interactive, improvisational theatre. Wear comfortable clothes. RSVP Meg Roberts to confirm practice: 778-870-9015 or mroberts@uuma.org

SHARE YOUR STORY – A SERMON WRITING WORKSHOP: Saturday, October 28, 2017, 1 – 6 pm in the Hewett Centre. Facilitated by Rev. Meg Roberts. To help integrate your learning, a follow-up 1 ½-hour group coaching session is included on either Tues. Nov. 28, 7 – 8:30 pm OR Sat. Nov. 25, 10:30 am – 12 noon. This will encourage you to work on your sermon, offer support for any roadblocks you hit, and provide feedback to polish your creation. To register, contact UCV Workshop Committee chair, Way Kent: 110395@telus.net. Earlybird registration deadline and cost: September 30 (\$35) Final registration deadline and cost: October 22 (\$50)

LAY CHAPLAIN OPPORTUNITY: UCV Lay Chaplains co-create and officiate at weddings, memorials, child blessings and other rites of passage ceremonies. It's a joyful, loving service to the greater community and a path to personal spiritual growth. For more details about the job's requirements and its blessings, contact Nan Gregory, nangregory@shaw.ca, 604-228-1450, or Katherine Roback, katherinekroback@gmail.com, 604-872-0426.

CASUAL CARETAKER OPPORTUNITY: UCV is in need of casual Caretakers to help maintain our beautiful campus and to assist the many individuals and community groups who make use of our rental spaces. Previous caretaking or custodial experience is an asset but not necessarily required. Must be available to work evenings and weekends. This is an ideal opportunity for students or for those looking for a source of supplemental income. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Aurora Eyolfson at ca@vancouverunitarians.ca.

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE for the possible redevelopment of part of the UCV site will meet Wednesday, November 27 at 7 pm in Hewett Hall – a very important meeting! – *Gordon Gram and Michael Clague*

JOIN THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM: We're gearing up for fall back-to-church and it would be a benefit to have a few more folk on the communications team to help committees and groups design brochures, update the website, write news posts and make posters for the bulletin boards. Meetings (usually only two a year) are optional. Contact maryinvancouver@gmail.com.

OUTSIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

EARTH LITERACIES AND THE EARTH CHARTER with Mallora Rayner. Sat, Oct 7, 10 am – 4 pm at the Canadian Memorial United Church. \$70. Please bring lunch. Refreshments will be served.

The Earth Charter is an ethical framework for building a just, sustainable, and peaceful global society in the 21st century. It began as a UN initiative and is a product of a decade-long, worldwide, cross-cultural dialogue on common goals and shared values. It involved the most inclusive and participatory process ever associated with the creation of an international declaration and continues to inspire initiatives all over the world. In this workshop we will introduce our globally shared values and principles and explore the inter-connections between Earth Literacies and the Earth Charter. In collaboration with Canadian Memorial United Church.

To register, contact 250-220-4601 or programs@earthliteracies.org.



Our Vision

Because we envision a more compassionate world, we seek to deepen our spiritual and religious lives, grow and enrich our congregation, and advocate for love and justice.

Living Our Vision

As Unitarians, we are dedicated to spiritual growth, social justice, and reverence for nature and all life. We embody these values through worship, ethical action, artistic expression, and religious education for all ages that aim to connect hearts, heads, and hands. Our congregation welcomes all ages, orientations, abilities, and identities in our joyous search for meaning.

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